AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 42 (cancelled)

43. (new) A device for providing a text related to an image, comprising:

a microprocessor; and

a library of images and related texts, each of the images being associated with at least a portion of one of the related texts, wherein an image from outside the library may be compared to the images in the library and, based on the comparison, one of the images may be selected, thereby selecting at least a portion of the related text.

44. (new) The device of claim 43, wherein the library of images and associated texts is digital.

45. (new) The device of claim 44, wherein the image from outside the library is digital.

46. (new) The device of claim 43, wherein the at least a portion of one of the related texts is adapted to be inserted in a record.

47. (new) A device for producing a text for use in a record concerning a surgical procedure, comprising:

a library of images drawn from surgical procedures;

a library of texts, each of the images being associated with at least a portion of one of the texts;

a microprocessor; and

an image from outside said library;

wherein the microprocessor is adapted to compare the image from outside the library to the images in the library, and wherein, based on the comparison, one or more portions of one or more of the texts is selected for use in the record.

48. (new)   The device of claim 47, wherein the images in the library, the image from outside the library and the texts are digital.

49. (new)   The device of claim 47, wherein the image from outside the library is a recorded image.

50. (new)   The device of claim 47, wherein the image from outside the library is a real-time image.

51. (new)   An apparatus for producing a record comprising:

means for manipulating data, including storing a plurality of images and a plurality of texts, at least a portion of each text being associated with one of the plurality of images;

means for comparing an outside image to the plurality of images and for selecting one of the plurality of images that is similar to the outside image; and

means for selecting the one of the texts associated with the selected image.

52. (new)   The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the selected text is descriptive of the outside image.

53. (new)   The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising means for digitizing the images.

54. (new)   The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising means for communicating the images and texts.

55. (new)   The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the images depict aspects of medical procedures.

56. (new)   A method of providing a medical record comprising the steps of:

capturing a library video image of a medical procedure;

processing the library video image to provide a library digital image signal;

creating a text description of the library video image;

capturing an outside video image of an outside medical procedure and processing the outside video image to provide an outside digital image signal; and

comparing the library digital image signal and the outside digital image signal, wherein, if the library digital image and the outside digital image are similar, the text description is selected to become at least a portion of the medical record.

57. (new)   The method of claim 56, wherein a plurality of library video images and respective library digital image signals and text descriptions are captured, processed, and created.

58. (new)   The method of claim 57, wherein the library digital image signals and text descriptions comprise an electronically accessible database.

59. (new)   A method of evaluation comprising the steps of:

creating a collection of images; and

comparing an image from outside the collection to the images in the collection,

wherein the comparing leads to the selection of an image in the collection generally corresponding to the image from outside the collection.

60. (new)   The method of claim 59, further comprising the step of providing a library of texts, each image of the collection of images being associated with at least a portion of one of the texts of the library of texts.

61. (new)   The method of claim 59, further comprising the step of comparing the selected image from the collection to the image from outside the collection and identifying similarities and differences between the selected image and the image from outside the collection.

62. (new) The method of claim 61, wherein the image from outside the collection is drawn from a situation, and wherein the similarities and differences are used to evaluate the situation.

63. (new) The method of claim 62, wherein the situation relates to a medical condition.

64. (new) A method of evaluating a medical condition comprising the steps of:
creating a collection of images of medical conditions; and
comparing another medical condition to the images in the collection;
wherein at least a portion of the comparing is accomplished by a microprocessor.

65. (new) The method of claim 64, wherein the collection of images is digital.

66. (new) The method of claim 65, further comprising the step of capturing images of the outside medical condition.

67. (new) The method of claim 66, further comprising the step of digitizing the images of the outside medical condition.

68. (new) The method of claim 64, further comprising the step of creating a collection of descriptions, each description generally corresponding to one or more of the images in the collection of images.

69. (new) The method of claim 68, further comprising the step of selecting from the collection of descriptions a description generally corresponding to the outside medical condition.

70. (new) The method of claim 68, further comprising the steps of selecting one of the collection of images as being similar to the outside medical condition selecting the description from the collection of descriptions generally corresponding to the selected image.

71. (new) The method of claim 70, further comprising the step of including the selected description in a medical record.

72. (new) A device for providing a text related to an image, comprising:

a microprocessor; and

a digital library of images and related texts, wherein an image from outside the library may be compared to the images in the library, thereby selecting one of the related texts.

73. (new) The device of claim 72, further comprising one or more remote accesses.

74. (new) The device of claim 73, wherein said remote accesses comprise an in-wall connector.

75. (new) A method of creating a record comprising the steps of:

forming groups of library images, each group depicting a portion of a procedure; and

forming a group of library texts describing the procedure, wherein each of the library texts forming the group of library texts corresponds to one of the portions of a procedure;

providing an outside image of a procedure;

comparing the outside image to the groups of library images;

selecting an image or group of image from the library images that is similar to the outside image;

selecting the library text corresponding to the portion of the procedure corresponding with the selected library image; and

inputting the selected library text into the medical record.

76. (new) The method of claim 75, wherein the library images and the library texts are digital.

77. (new) The method of claim 76, wherein the outside image is digital.

78. (new) The method of claim 77, wherein the steps of selecting an image and selecting the library text are accomplished by a microprocessor.